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Lakhs witness N'gud *Rathotsava*

Nanjangud, Apr. 7 (RS&VNS)- The Temple Town of Nanjangud came alive with chants in praise of Lord Srikanteshwara as the famous *Dodda Jathra* festival was held with traditional gaiety and fervour this morning. Lakhs of devotees witnessed the *Gauthama Panchamaharathotsava*.

Panchamaharathotsava involves the pulling of five *Rathas* or chariots dedicated to different Gods, by devotees, to the accompaniment of sacred chants and traditional music. **Today's *Rathotsava,* however, had to face a minor glitch as the left front wheel of the 80-ft main chariot (Lord Srikanteshwara) sank by the side of the road. The wheel of the chariot was later lifted with the help of a JCB and the *Rathotsava* resumed.**

Devotees thronged the temple premises as early as 4 am and witnessed the car festival which was held between 5.20 am and 6.20 am in the auspicious *Meena Lagna*. Devotees have been coming to the *Jathra Mahotsava* from various parts of Mysuru district and outside since the last three days.

As the auspicious time began, Srikanteshwara Temple Chief Priest Nagachandra Dixit, accompanied by other temple priests, offered special pujas to the 120-tonne and 80-ft tall chariot that carried the idol of Lord Srikanteshwara before signalling the commencement of the *Jathra Mahotsava*.

Soon after the puja rituals were completed, the chariot carrying the idol of Lord Ganesha started its journey first along the main streets of Nanjangud and was followed by the chariots Lord Srikanteshwara, Goddess Parvathi, Lord Subramanya and Lord Chandikeshwara.

Specially made ropes measuring 300 ft was brought from Kerala that was held by hundreds of devotees to pull the chariots. All the chariots returned to the main temple premises at 9.15 am signalling the end of the car festival.

DC D. Randeep, AC C.L. Ananda, State Muzarai Commissioner Shadaksharaswamy, Srikanteshwara Temple Executive Officer Jayaprakash were present.
(See RATHOTSAVA on page 13)

COUNTDOWN
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Fight between *Swabhimana* and *Durahankara:* Prasad

Mysuru, Apr. 7 (MTY&BCT)- Losing cool at the allegations levelled against him by the Congress party that he forced Nanjangud electorate to go to polls prematurely, former Minister and BJP candidate for Nanjangud by-election V. Sreenivasa Prasad has said that the by-election was a fight between *Swabhimana* (self-respect) and *Durahankara* (arrogance).

Speaking to reporters at a private hotel here this morning, Sreenivasa Prasad said that he has never indulged in selfish politics as accused by the Congress. "The Congress has accused me of being power-hungry. I have never gone behind power in my 42-year-old political career."
(See PRASAD on page 9)

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Appearance adorns attitude

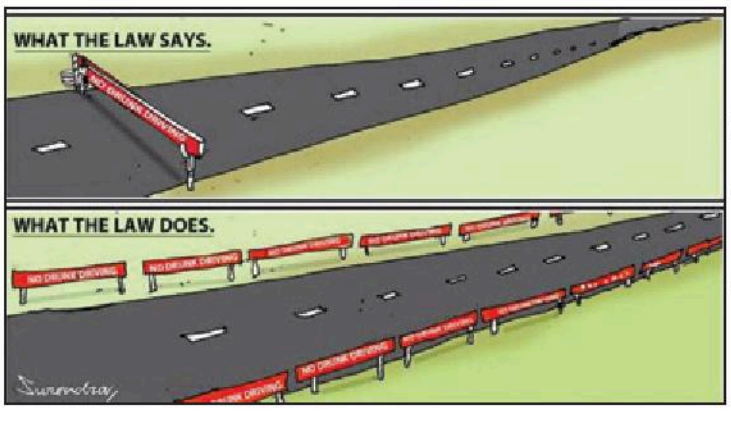
Issues of appropriateness of attiring, particularly outside the confines of one's home as well as different circumstances have been pursued in various circles lately with an alert media taking note of the voices aired in public domain and reporting without taking sides. Lot of water has flowed under the bridge since the school managements got themselves engaged with the not-so-head-going topic of uniform for the school-bound teens and sub-teens in different regions of the land, including Mysuru. The top brass in the incumbent Karnataka government too dabbled for a while with the matter as applicable to government-managed schools leaving the scene unchanged after prescribing *salwar-kameez* replacing the time-honoured skirt and top. Mercifully, the loose-shunted public rabble-rousing in the cause of appearance in appropriate attire in colleges, Universities, offices, places of worship, clubs and so on didn't reach the stage of promulgating dress code in the form of an Act along with rules and regulations. For now, changing fashions seem to be ruling the world of attire in the land as elsewhere in the world.

Appearing in public wearing skimpy clothes, revealing one's anatomy crossing the limits of acceptable norms in specific sections of society seems to be catching up with the urban youth, thanks to the lead given by the players of the land's cinema, particularly the heroines amidst the side-stars, an euphemism for *extras*.

Terms emerged on the heels of changing designs covering hairdo, beard, moustache, footwear, jewellery and attires of both sexes, not to forget the mercurial agents of change — the land's youth. Designs that appeared over time, some enduring and the rest making their exit owe it to the non-conformists in society but for whom life would be dull and morose. Sadhana-cut, handle bar mush, goatee-beard, Elvis Presley hair-style, Yul Brynner-type shaven pate, pencil-pointed shoes, drainpipe trousers, bell-bottom pants and a host of other designs of the bygone days flash across one's mind. Unarguably, jeans and T-Shirt have stumped the variety factor that was the hallmark of fashion of a not-too-distant past.

While *appearing* in whatever design of attire one chooses and the extent to which it mirrors one's *attitude* to fellow-citizens and circumstances provides a rich and boundless field for researchers, a just-published report based on a survey by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies has mainly inferred that *a)* Indian youth are becoming more modern in their appearance as well as food habits and *b)* their thoughts and views reflect a troubling inclination towards intolerance and conservatism. Who is influencing whom — youth or fashionistas — only time can tell.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE



[Courtesy: The Hindu]

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dead twin's foetus removed from infant's abdomen

Karnataka: In a rare surgery, a dead foetus of a twin was surgically removed from the abdomen of a 14-day-old baby boy after it was initially thought to be an oversized abdominal tumour. Such cases, in the medical world, are referred to as "Foetus in Fetu." The rare condition is caused due to incomplete separation of a twin, which fails to grow, instead becoming an internal part of the healthy and surviving twin.

The 14-day-old new-born male was brought to the hospital with symptoms described as abdominal distension and difficulty in urinating.

The case was referred from Haveri district and admitted to SDM Hospital's emergency department. After discussion with specialists, the baby was taken to surgery. After a two-hour surgery, the "tumour" was removed along with what would have been the failed twin's placenta. The surgery was successful, and the baby is now ready to be discharged and sent back home. This surgery - apart from Dr. Annigeri - was performed by Dr. Anil Halgeri, Dr. Krishna Prasad, Dr. Madhura Rao, Dr. Sahana, Dr. Ravi Bhat (anaesthesiologist) and Dr. Raghavendra Rao.

Mowgli girl

Uttar Pradesh: An eight-year-old girl was found living with a troop of monkeys in the Katarniyaghat Wildlife Sanctuary in Bahraich. After being spotted by locals in the Motipur range of the sanctuary, a Police team managed to rescue her in January, but not before overcoming stiff resistance from the monkeys. Currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Bahraich, the girl is unable to communicate and screams whenever people go near her. Chief Medical Superintendent Dr. D. K. Singh said this has resulted in problems in giving her proper treatment.

ASP Dinesh Tripathi said though there is no information about the girl, it appears from her behaviour that she has been living with the monkeys in the wild for a long time. Her curious condition came into limelight after visuals went viral on social media in the past couple of days, Police said. "When rescued she had unkempt nails and hair and there were wounds all over her body... our priority as of now is to give her proper medical care and look for her parents", the ASP added.

Rejuvenation camp for nursing staff

Mysuru, Apr. 7 - JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Sri Shivarathreeshwara Endowment Cell in association with Suttur Mutt will be conducting a rejuvenation camp for nursing staff from Apr. 19 to 21 at Suttur Srikshetra. The camp will be held under the supervision of Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnanayogashrama of Vijayapura.

The three-day camp will involve talks by thinkers on various topics including prayer, yoga, meditation, pranayama and others. Nursing staff of various hospitals, teaching staff, final year students of the nursing colleges can take part.

For details, contact the Publicity Division of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru on Ph: 0821-2548212/223 or contact camp co-ordinators S.G. Shashidharakumar on Mob: 96866 77223 or D.N. Renukadevi Mob: 98804 47487.

Runners-up in ECLAT 2K17 Economics Fest

The prize winning students are seen with M.N. Venkatalakshmi, Prof. G.S. Ramanujan (HoD, Economics), Prof. K.V. Prabhakara (Principal) and Pushpa Rani.

Mysuru, Apr. 7 - The students of the Department of Economics, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, emerged Runners-up at the one-day State-level Economics Fest organised by the Department of MA Economics, Cauvery College, Centre for PG Studies, Gonikoppal.

Students from 20 colleges across the State participated in this event. Following are the winners:

Pruthvi S. Bharadwaj and Priyanka (BA - JEE) - 2nd place in Product Launch and AD Copy; Sanjitha S. Gowri Shankar (BA - JEE) - 2nd place in Essay and Elocution Contest.

Selected for Ravi Varma Award

Mysuru, Apr. 7 - **C.S. Krishna Setty** *(in pic)*, Administrative Officer, Rashtriya Lalithakala Academy, New Delhi , has been selected for Raja Ravi Varma Award instituted by Shri Ravi Varma Art Institute, Mysuru, for the year 2017. The award will be presented during an event to be held on Apr. 9 at the institute premises in Chamarajapuram at 11 am, according to a press release.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Swachh Bottom Abhiyan!

Sir,

It is generally considered a taboo to discuss or debate on personal cleanliness in public. Thanks to Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem for his bold, thought-provoking and timely articles on personal cleanliness in his column *'Over a cup of evening tea'* [*SOM* dated Mar.17 and 25].

Under the title *'Let Clean Bottoms Come First!'* shall we call it *'Swachh Bottom Abhiyan !'* as it has come in the wake of Prime Minister Modi's *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,* which none of his predecessors had even thought of, when they were in the cockpit of administration.

We have developed a tendency to accept whatever comes from the West as best including tissue paper culture.

As rightly said by Dr. Javeed, water is the best God-given cleansing agent. It cannot be produced in the man-made factory.

No ablution is complete without using the required quantity of water. Bathroom and water are synonymous. One without the other is unimaginable.

The thought of keeping a bathroom dry always like a drawing room, bedroom or kitchen is silly. It is annoying to use bathrooms in posh hotels and modern apartments which seldom provide a mug in the toilet, a rod or wire to hang clothes, stand for shaving kits, etc. Basic needs and amenities should not be ignored in the name of modernisation.

— V.R. Srinivasa Murthy
Brindavan Extension
29.3. 2017

NOTE: *If a mug (or dipper) is not possible, at least a health faucet can easily be provided using the water line provided for the flush tank.* **— Editor**

Bags paper presentation award

Mysuru, Apr. 7- Jaimee George, currently pursuing her Ph.D under the guidance of Dr. Prakash M Halami, Senior Principal Scientist from CSIR-CFTRI's Microbiology and Fermentation Technology Department, recently presented a paper at the National conference on "Molecular Characteristics of Multi-Drug Resistant Bacteria — Causes, consequence and control (MCMDRB-17) and bagged a prize for her work *"Mechanisms of aminoglycoside resistance."*

Jaimee George

This conference, sponsored by the Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, was organised by Molecular Diagnostics and Bacterial Pathogenomics Research Laboratory, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam.

Multi-drug resistance is a global concern and developing nations like India are hotspots for its rampant spread. Lack of public awareness, misuse of antibiotics in animal husbandry, indulgent execution of regulations, self-medication, availability of drugs over the counter without proper prescriptions and unhygienic practices are driving forces that make the matters worse.

Dr. Prakash and Jaimee have been investigating the spread of Aminoglycoside resistance among food bacteria that has significance with respect to the spread of anti-microbial resistance in the environment. According to the WHO's country office, tackling anti-biotic resistance is an important agenda from the human health perspective.

City Professor bags Sir C. V. Raman Young Scientist State Award

Mysuru, Apr. 7- Dr. K. Mantelingu, Assistant Professor, University of Mysore, has been selected for Sir C. V. Raman Young Scientist State Award for the year 2015 given by the Government of Karnataka.

This award, given to scientists who have made outstanding achievements in their fields, carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, a memento and a citation. The awards presentation function will be held on Apr. 12 at 5pm at J.N. Tata Auditorium of Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru.

Profile: Born in Makanahalli of Mysuru District, Dr. Mantelingu did M.Sc. (Chemistry) from University of Mysore and Ph.D (Chemistry) under the guidance of Prof. K. S. Rangappa.

He has a Post-doctoral experience at JNCASR, Bengaluru (2004-2007) and has worked as Post-doctoral Fellow at Delle Marche University, Italy (2007-08); as a UGC-Raman Post-doctoral Fellow at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA (2013-14).

Dr. Mantelingu has made novel contributions to chemical sciences, especially Bio-organic and Medicinal Chemistry along with his mentor Prof. Rangappa. His most important contributions have been towards the synthesis of several new bio-active heterocycles as anti-cancer agents.

Dr. K. Mantelingu

In collaboration with Prof. T.K. Kundu at JNCASR, he developed a series of polyisoprenelated benzophenones and ellagic-acid derivatives. The recent studies suggest that these molecules may serve as lead compounds to develop anti-cervical cancer drugs. He also developed novel PARP inhibitors, along with Prof. Sathees C. Ragahvan, IISc, which showed intrinsic PARP activity for the treatment of cancer cells, which could have implications in cancer therapy.

He has been granted three US patents and one European patent. Dr. Mantelingu has guided 7 candidates for Ph.D degree and currently 8 students are working in his laboratory as research students.

In view of his academic excellence, Dr. Mantelingu was awarded the Merck Millipore India Innovation Award (2012) with a cash prize of Rs. 7.5 lakh.

MGP Monthly Meeting

Mysuru, Apr. 7- The monthly public meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held on Sunday (Apr. 9) at 4 pm at its office, 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri. The meeting will focus on issues connected with the Health Department of MCC (garbage collection, stray animals, cleanliness in hotels, etc.).

Dr. D.G. Nagaraju, Health Officer, MCC, will interact with the public. For details contact Ph:2515150, according to a press release from Dr. M.M. Shenoi, Secretary, MGP.

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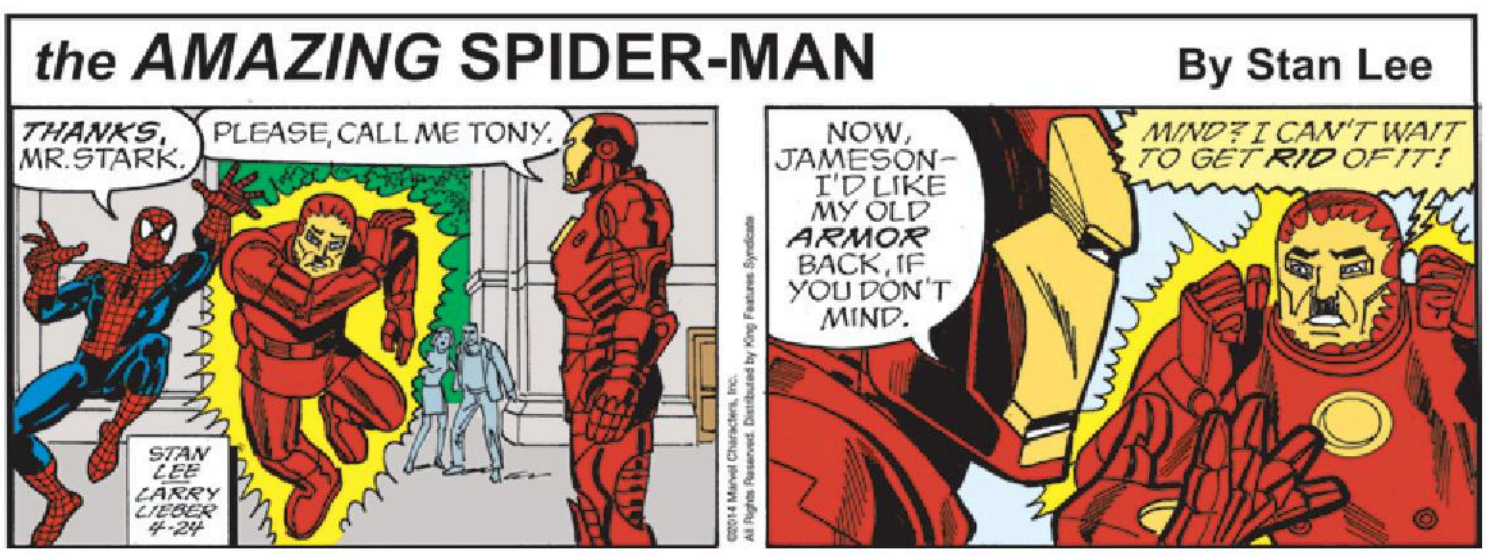
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NEWS BRIEFS

Free vaccination camp from tomorrow

Department of Animal Husbandry, as part of the 12th round of National Immunisation Camp against Foot and Mouth disease in cattle has organised a free vaccination camp in the district from tomorrow till Apr. 29. For more details, farmers and cattle owners may contact the nearest veterinary hospital or the Department Assistant Director at taluk level.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya from Apr. 8 to 13 between 5 pm and 6.30 pm. Contact Ph: 0821-2511355, for details.

Pratibha Puraskar & 'Sharade' release

Sarada Vilas College has organised Pratibha Puraskar and 'Sharade' release programme at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall tomorrow (Apr. 8) at 11 am. Sarada Vilas College retd. Principal M. Nataraj will be the chief guest. Institution President B.S. Parthasarathi, Hon. Secretary H.K. Srinath and College Principal Dr. K.J. Muralidhar will be the special invitees.

Free Dental and ENT Clinics

A free dental (2 pm to 6 pm) and ENT (5.30 pm to 8 pm) screening camps have been organised at Apollo Clinic, # 23, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, tomorrow (Apr. 8). For details, contact Ph: 0821-4006040/41.

Talk on Mysore Bank

A talk on Mysore Bank by Prof. Nanjaraja Urs has been organised at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, tomorrow (Apr. 8) at 10.30 am under the aegis of State Bank of Pensioners' Commune, according to press release.

No sale of meat

As part of Mahaveer Jayanti, all slaughter houses and meat stalls, coming under Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits, have been asked to down their shutters on Apr. 9, according to a press release from the MCC Health Officer.

Shree Mahavir Janm Kalyanak celebration

Mahavir International Royals, Mysore, has organised 'Ek Shaam Prabhu Mahaveer Ke Naam' – Season 2 and celebration of Shree Mahaveer Janm Kalyanak on Apr. 9 at 6 pm in Kalamandira on Hunsur Road, according to press release.

Let transformation in the State begin with Prasad's victory: B.S Yeddyurappa

State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa and BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad are seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the poll convention at Vidyavardhaka College Ground in Nanjangud town yesterday, as other BJP leaders look on.

Nanjangud, Apr.7(YDS&DM)- Observing that political transformation in the State will begin with the victory of BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad in the Nanjangud by-poll, State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY) has said that the by-poll is a battle between the audacity of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and self-respect of V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

Speaking after inaugurating a poll convention at Vidyavardhaka College ground in Nanjangud town yesterday, Yeddyurappa said that the 12th century social reformer Basavanna had said that the State treasury is people's treasury, but Chief Minister Siddharamaiah after looting public money, is now engaged in distributing money among the electorate to win the by-polls.

Appealing the voters to ensure a 25,000 margin victory for Sreenivasa Prasad, BSY said that the electorate should set a record of sorts in the defeat of CM Siddharamaiah, who is distributing public money at will among the voters.

BSY also alleged that it was Siddharamaiah, who ensured the defeat of KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara in the 2013 polls and that it was the CM who humiliated Late former Minister M. Mahadev (Benki Mahadev) by manhandling him a few years ago.

Lashing out at Siddu, for visiting late Mahadev's house for the sake of votes, Yeddyurappa alleged that the Police recently raided Mahadev's farm house at the instance of Siddharamaiah.

Claiming that the previous BJP Government had waived farmer loans twice, he said that the Siddu Government was only offering lip service to the farmers.

Asserting that the BJP would win both the seats with a comfortable margin, Yeddyurappa asked the voters to lock up Congress workers who come to villages for distributing money, sarees and liquor in the night.

BJP candidate Sreenivasa Prasad in his address, said that Siddharamaiah had hurt his (Prasad) self-respect of uncer-emoniously dropping him from the Cabinet.

Maintaining that Siddharamaiah had been systematically finishing off senior leaders in the Congress, Prasad said that the CM's Rs. 600 crore promise to Nanjangud was aimed at fooling the people.

Senior BJP leader K.S. Eshwarappa, former Ministers Shobha Karandlaje, V. Somanna, Kote M. Shivanna, C.M. Udasi, Murugesh Nirani, Katta Subramanya Naidu, C.T. Ravi, S.A. Ramdas and C.H. Vijayashankar, MLA B.Y. Raghavendra, former MLAA.R. Krishnamurthy, leaders Tejaswini Sriramesh and Kapu Siddalingaswamy were present.

No Modi wave in Karnataka: CM

Nanjangud, Apr.7(RS&DM)- Asserting that the BJP's plan to replicate UP's victory in Karnataka will fail, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has said that there was no Modi wave in the State.

Speaking at a meeting at the Congress Office in the town after taking part in a road show yesterday, Siddharamaiah termed State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY), as a liar.

Claiming that Yeddyurappa did not take part in any public movement in his nearly four decade in politics, Siddharamaiah said BSY's dream of coming to power in the 2018 Assembly Polls would not materialise.

Asserting that his Government had fulfilled more than 150 out of the 165 pre-poll promises made, CM said his Government had taken all sections of the society

along. Alleging that the BJP had left behind minorities and Backward sections from its organisational base, the CM maintained that the BJP had no moral right to speak about backward classes.

Stating that the Yeddurappa Government had ordered firing on protesting farmers just a couple of months after coming to power in 2008, the CM said Yeddyurappa's words sounded like the devil preaching the gospel.

Maintaining that the performance of the Congress Government in the past 4 years, would take the Congress candidate to the good post in the by-polls, Siddharamaiah appealed the electorate to vote for Congress candidate Kalale Keshavamurthy, who is always accessible to the people.

KPCC President and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, R.V. Deshpande, Tanveer Sait, Umashree & Basavaraj Rayareddy MP R. Dhruvanarayan, leaders Allum Veerabhadrappa, C.M. Ibrahim, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, actor Shashi Kumar and others were present.

KPCC Women's Wing President accused of distributing money

Gundlupet, Apr.7(SG&DM)- Even as the BJP has been constantly accusing the Congress for distributing money and liquor among the electorate for Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-polls, KPCC Women's Wing President Lakshmi Hebbalkar was reportedly caught on camera distributing money among the voters in Gundlupet Constituency.

The video went viral in social media, which has caused huge embarassment to the Congress.

Lakshmi Hebbalkar has been

Lakshmi Hebbalkar caught on camera.

camping in Gundlupet assembly segment since April 1, canvassing for Congress candidate Geetha Mahadeva Prasad.

In the video, Lakshmi, is caught distributing money to the voters sitting in a house at Annurkeri village coming under Kabbahalli ZP. Lakshmi is accused of distributing currency notes of Rs. 2000 denomination by calling the voters one by one.

The video has also caught another woman sitting by the side of Lakshmi, jotting down the names and details of those who received the money. Some people noticing unusual gathering at a house in the village, are said to have video graphed Lakshmi distributing money to the voters. However the BJP has denied allegations that its workers were behind the video.

Even as the video went viral in the social media, the BJP has demanded immediate arrest of Lakshmi Hebbalkar.

MP Shobha Karandlaje said she would lodge a complaint to the Election Commission, seeking arrest of Lakshmi for distributing money and to take action against Congress leaders for distributing freebies to the voters.

Rain continues to cool Mysuru, Kodagu

Mysuru, Apr. 7 - As predicted by the Indian Meteorological Department, it rained again in Mysuru yesterday night and the rain was accompanied by lightning and thunder.

It also rained in most parts of Kodagu bringing relief to people who were worried about rising temperature and sinking groundwater levels. The rain, however, did not result in water flow to Harangi reservoir in Kodagu and then to Krishnaraja Sagar in Mandya as most of the water will be evaporated in this hot weather.

It began raining at around 8.30 pm in Mysuru and the showers lasted for more than one hour. Gusty winds accompanied the rain. A tree crashed on the house of one Ravi in Kuvempunagar damaging the roof. Two trees fell on the Paduvana Road at T.K. Layout. Several branches of trees fell near Maruthi Temple in T.K. Layout and Sharadadevinagar Second Stage, blocking traffic.

Electric wires were snapped, disrupting power supply in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ward No. 10 and the MCC Abhaya teams carried out road clearing operations. Several low-lying areas including T.K. Layout, Janata Nagar complained of water-logging while a manhole burst open behind Kamakshi Hospital in Saraswathipuram causing severe inconvenience to the residents.

WOMAN INJURED

A woman was injured when a speeding vehicle hit her when she was walking on the road in the rain near Maruthi Temple Circle yesterday night.

The woman has been identified as Dr. Nirmala and she was earlier working in Kamakshi Hospital.

Passers-by, who saw the accident, rushed her to a private hospital where she is recuperating. The vehicle that caused the accident, however, sped away. Corporator Nandeesh Preetham visited the hospital and enquired about Dr. Nirmala's health who is being treated in the ICU. She is said to be out of danger.

Missing Virajpet girl found in Bengaluru; reunited with family

Deekshitha

Virajpet, Apr. 7 - A teenage girl, who had gone missing from Bittangala in Virajpet Taluk on Apr. 3, was found in Bengaluru yesterday. The 17-year-old P.S. Deekshitha, a resident of Bittangala near Virajpet, who went missing along with her father's Maruti Alto car, was traced at Mallasandra in Bengaluru. She has now been reunited with her family.

Deekshitha told the Police that she was upset over failing in I PU exams and had gone to Bengaluru in search of job. A student of First PUC at a college here, Deekshitha went missing along with her father's car parked in front of the house. She also took her father's ATM card along with her. Her father had initially lodged a kidnapping complaint in the Virajpet Rural Police Station.

Following the complaint, Police teams launched a search in Virajpet, Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru and were able to procure CCTV footages from Virajpet and Gonikoppal which showed Deekshita proceeding towards Mysuru. When the CCTVs were scanned in Mysuru, visuals showed her proceeding towards Bengaluru. The Police also found that Deekshita had withdrawn money using her father's ATM's card in Mysuru and Jalahalli in Bengaluru.

On Apr. 4, around 6 pm, Deekshitha's father Suresh received a call on his cell phone about her whereabouts following which he alerted some of his relatives in Bengaluru.

The relatives searched for her near a vegetable market at Mallasandra where the car was found parked. Upon enquiry, it had emerged that Deekshitha was staying in a house belonging to a Kerala family. The family had provided shelter to her on humanitarian grounds.

The Police left for Bengaluru yesterday and took Deekshitha into their custody and handed her over to her parents.

MIT staffer killed in mishap

Madhu

Mysuru, Apr.7(RK&DM)- An employee of Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT) at Thandavapura, was killed on the spot when he was fatally knocked down by an unidentified vehicle at Kadakola on Mysuru-Nanjangud road late last night.

The deceased has been identified as Madhu (32), son of Venkategowda of Kirangandur in Mandya taluk. Madhu was walking along the road at about 10.30pm, when he was knocked down by a speeding vehicle near the Punjabi Dhaba at Kadakola, it is learnt. Kadakola Police who rushed to the spot, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary. Mysuru South Police who have registered a hit-and-run case in this regard, are investigating.

Madhu's last rites were performed at his native village Kirangandur this afternoon, according to sources. His body was taken to MIT in Belavadi here, where he had worked for sometime for the students to pay their last respects. As a mark of respect, the Institute declared a half day holiday today.

Protest held to confiscate Agri Gold properties

Mysuru, Apr. 7 (MTY&KS) - Alleging that Agri Gold had cheated its customers to the tune of crores of Rupees by taking deposits and not returning the same or the interest to customers, members of Karunadu Jana Shakthi Vedike, staged a protest in front of City Law Courts complex here yesterday.

The protestors alleged that the Agri Gold company had taken Rs. 1,639 crore as deposits from 8,42,161 customers in the State but had failed to pay the interest and also the deposit money to the customers thus cheating them.

They alleged that the company after cheating people of Karnataka had left for Andhra Pradesh and urged the State Government to take action besides confiscating the company's properties and return the money of the customers.

Vedike President Yathiraj, General Secretary K. Chandru, Mahadev, Lakshmi, Jyothi and others took part in the protest.

Car driver held for stealing valuables of customer

Four gold bangles worth Rs. 1.2 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Apr. 7 (KS)- Devaraja Police, have arrested a car driver for stealing gold valuables of customer and have recovered four gold bangles weighing about 40 grams, worth Rs. 1.2 lakh from him.

The arrested car driver has been identified as Manja alias Manjegowda, 33, a resident of Srirampura in Bengaluru.

It is reported that the couple from Dharwad, who had hired the car from Bengaluru, arrived in Mysuru on Mar. 30 and parked the car on Narayana Shastri Road and went to Sangeetha Lodge on the road to enquire the availability of room by keeping the luggage in the car.

After taking the room on rent, the couple took the luggage from the car and checked into the room. When they opened the luggage, they found the purse containing four gold bangles kept in a bag missing and lodged a complaint at Devaraja Police Station in this regard. Devaraja Police, who registered the case, took up the investigation and took car driver Manja into their custody.

During interrogation, the accused car driver revealed that he had brought the couple from Bengaluru to Mysuru and when the couple went into the lodge to book a room, he (Car driver) lifted the purse containing gold bangles.

Devaraja Inspector S. Nagesh supervised SI K. Lepaksha, staff Shadakshari, Praveen Kumar, K.S. Anjaneya Prakash, Manjunath and Umesh in the nabbing operation.

Miscreants steal foreign currencies, valuables from car

Mysuru, Apr. 7 (DVG&KS) - An incident of miscreants breaking the glass of a car and making away with foreign currencies and other valuables worth lakhs of rupees has been reported on Apr. 4 in city. The person who lost his belongings has been identified as Kiran V. Ranga, a resident of V.V. Mohalla here.

It is reported that Kiran had parked his car (KA 09 MC 7888) in front of Mahaveer Electricals on K.R. Hospital Road and had gone for some work. Meanwhile, miscreants who broke the glass of the car, made away with 400 US Dollars, laptop, Hard Disk, Passport, Driving Licence, cheque book and mobile phones kept in the rear seat. A complaint has been lodged at Devaraja Police Station in this regard.

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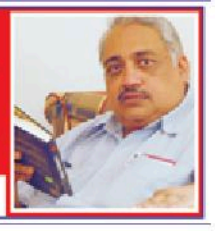
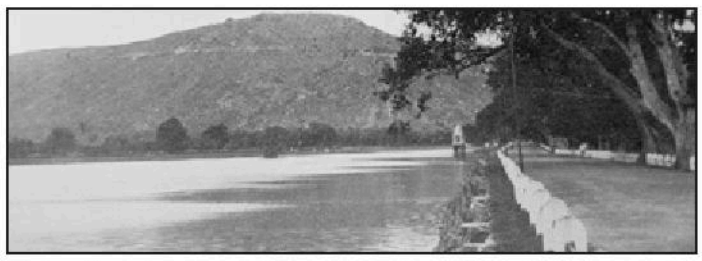
Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Fishing in Foul Waters!



Note the absence of the Rajendra Villas Palace on the Chamundi Hill ! The water gate mentioned in the article can be seen in the distance. *[Pic. by A.V. Vardacharalu & Son]*

We have two major water bodies, the **Kukkarahalli Lake** and the **Karanji Tank** in what can now justifiably be called the heart of our city. These lakes, once on the outskirts of the city, were created by our erstwhile Maharajas to raise the water table and feed the numerous wells that abounded in the city that lay in-between. Open wells were the only source of water for the inhabitants of the city before the KRS Dam was built, particularly with the failure of the nine-mile-long **Dewan Poornaiah Canal** that passed through the heart of the city. Why the canal failed to do what it was meant to do is not very clear. We still see many wells existing in the many old houses that have managed to exist this far despite the rapid makeover that our city is going through of late.

It may be a little surprising to note that a few of them are still continuing to serve their owners, especially during the times when piped water supply gets disrupted. Another magnificent lake, the Doddakere, that once superbly reflected the image of our Palace was drained and dried up in the early forties to thwart the frequent flare-ups of Malaria that tormented the inhabitants of the city. Most old paintings of our Palace by the great masters from the yesteryears depict the royal edifice with this lake in the foreground. The photograph that I have included here is taken from the book ***'Mysore'*** by **Constance Parsons** published in the thirties.

The Stately gopuram-like gate that once regulated the outflow of water from this lake can still be seen standing in all its majesty in what is now called the **'Gopuram Park'** at the Southern end of the sprawling lake bed that has now become the Doddakere football ground, the Dasara Exhibition Ground and the impromptu vegetable market, in that order. Until not very long ago, at its four corners, this very ornate water gate had beautifully sculpted, free hanging stone rings that I used to admire as a child and now miss as a middle-aged man, thanks to the vandalism of a generation that has separated these two periods of my life. **Kukkarahalli and Karanji too are the two unimaginably beautiful spots where I have spent many moments in solitude, musing over the far-sightedness and good aesthetic sense of people from the past. Now when I pass by them it is never without a sense of regret over what fate has befallen them, thanks to the absence of these two very same qualities in people from the present!**

While the Karanji Lake bund was the best place in the city for watching the giant full moon and its reflection as it rose up, the Kukkarahalli Lake bund was the best spot for watching the sunset. During my days as an NCC cadet I had spent many a Sunday in the company of my battalion-mates planting saplings in the open space between where the Kalamandira now stands and the Eastern bank of the Kukkarahalli Lake. It was a social service activity for us during the rainy season and being drenched and smeared with mud, instead of deterring us only added much happiness to our determination to do some good to our city!

As we all know very well, these two lakes have been in the news from time to time for all the wrong reasons with the raging controversy over the de-silting of the Kukkarahalli Lake by the Mysore University having been quelled only temporarily by government intervention. The Karanji Lake too does not seem to be out its problems although it has been out of the news for some time now. The once pristine lake started getting polluted when untreated sewage from the nearby residential areas was let into the lake, especially after Siddharta Layout was created. This pollution led to the destruction of aquatic life and with the food-source getting depleted, the migratory birds that once flocked to this place from far and near started shunning this lake. The fish too which were once plentiful started dying en masse. That is when the Zoo authorities which had taken over the lake woke up to the need to take some urgent action. Help was sought from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC).

In association with these two organisations the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) undertook the restoration activities of this lake. The first step that was reportedly undertaken was to stop the sewage from entering the lake. Other restoration activities included removal of 30 cm of polluted silt, de-weeding of the entire lake surface, restoration of feeder channels, construction of a jetty to start boating facility, and the construction of a bridge to the newly created 'butterfly park'. A watch tower was also constructed to view the birds and study their behaviour.

Although much money was spent on this exercise it is very clear for all to see that the flow of untreated sewage into the lake continues unchecked to this day. The most alarming discovery that I made on a visit to the place just two days ago is that fishing was being allowed in the polluted water and the fish was being weighed and sold to some local dealers on the banks of the lake.

Now, with raw sewage flowing into the lake day in and day out, I wonder how safe it is for people to consume the fish that goes out from here. Raw sewage is the best source of some very dreadful infections like Cholera, Typhoid and Jaundice which can add to much human morbidity and mortality. This is therefore an activity that amounts to fishing for misery in foul waters and it is time someone steps in to stop it!

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Interaction with Sr. theatrist at Art Gallery on Saturday

Mysuru, Apr. 7 (VNS)- Mysore Art Gallery will be conducting its 14th monthly interaction programme with achievers on Apr. 8 at the Gallery premises on Ramanuja Road at 11 am.

Subbanarasimha

This month, the gallery has invited G. Subbanarasimha, a senior theatrist from Mysuru. Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekara Kadamba will be deliver the introductory address. Senior Theatrist Prof. C.V. Sridharamurthy will be the chief guest.

Theatre artistes R. Jagadish, P. Nagabhushan, Nagarathna, D. Nagendra Kumar and Tejaswini will be the special invitees.

Gallery President and sculptor L. Shivalingappa, Secretary Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle and Treasurer Prabha Shivalingappa will be present.

Profile: 73-year-old Subbanarasimha is a B.Com graduate and a retired employee of Co-operation Department. Having acquainted with theatre artistes, he started as an amateur artiste during 1963 and since then he has been continuing to entertain the audience.

Subbanarasimha has acted in plays such as *Haridra Kumkuma, Panchabhoota, Sri Krishnasandhana, Sathya Harischandra, Devarige Dikku, Henagalu, Thyagi* and so on.

He has also received many awards including District Award from Karnataka Nataka Academy and Mysuru Dasara award to name a few. He has also been serving various associations promoting art and culture.

Subbanarasimha's wife Usha is a classical vocalist. His son Satyasimha is an actor while his daughter Bhargavi has been working with Sirigannada Samskruthika Samsthe in Singapore.

Brahma Kalashabhishekotsava of Sri Jala Durga Parameshwari Devi in Bantwal from Apr. 17

Mysuru, Apr. 7- The Prathista Banda Brahma Kalashabhishekotsava of Sri Jala Durga Parameshwari Devi will be performed at Sri Jala Durga Parameshwari Temple, Padpu-Anekal, Karopady village in Bantwal taluk, from Apr. 17 to 22.

Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Bharathi Thirtha Mahaswamiji, Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Vidhushekara Bharathi Mahaswamiji, Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Maha Samsthanam Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri and Srimad Sai Rajarajeshwari Amma Karekura, Mysuru, will grace the occasion.

All Vydika, Religious and Cultural programmes will be conducted under the guidance and direction of Ved. Mo. Sri Parakaje Mahalinga Bhat and Ved. Mo. Sri Nadibailu Shankaranarayana Bhat. Paramapoojya Sri Gurudevananda Swamiji, Sri Gurudevadatta Samsthanam, Sri Kshetra, Odiyoor, will preside.

Apr.18: There will be *Nruthya Vaibhava* by the members of Sri Gopalakrishna Vidyarthi Parishat from 6 pm onwards.

Apr.19: Yakshagana Talamaddale from 2.30 pm onwards; *Sudharma Sabhe - Dharmika Sabhe* from 6 pm onwards; Bharatanatya feature *Mahishamardini* by Vidushi Kavya Bhat and Team of Shivanjali Nrutya Kalakendra, Perla, from 8 pm onwards.

Apr. 20: Mass *Soundaryalahari Parayana* from 2.30 pm; *Sudharma Sabhe - Dharmika Sabhe* from 6 pm onwards; *Raga-Bhakti-Bhava-Janapada Geetasangama* by Sri Ramakrishna Katukukke and Team from 8 pm onwards.

Apr. 21: *Yakshagana Bayalata Shambavi Vijaya* by Sri Balipa, Patla and team from 2 pm onwards; *Sudharma Sabhe - Dharmika Sabhe* from 6 pm onwards; Dance programme by students of Anekallu Anganawadi and *Dhwanitaranga* Bhakti Rasamanjari by Muralidhar Kamath and team from 9 pm.

Apr. 22: Mass *Soundaryalahari Parayana* from 2 pm onwards; *Sudharma Sabhe - Dharmika Sabhe* from 5 pm onwards, according to a press release from Temple Managing Trustees O. Shama Bhat, Yogish Dange and Muralidhar Bhagavath.

NANJANGUD AND GUNDLUPET BY-ELECTION BATTLE

Development works of CM will ensure my victory: Kalale Keshavamurthy

Congress candidate for the prestigious Nanjangud Assembly constituency Kalale Keshavamurthy has become a 24X7 politician these days with day-long political rallies and a series of late evening meetings with his supporters. The Congress party, especially Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, has banked on him to steer the party to victory in the by-election that is scheduled to be held on Apr. 9. Star of Mysore *caught up with Keshavamurthy for a brief interview. Excerpts.*

By K. Ravi Shankar

Kalale Keshavamurthy, Congress candidate for Nanjangud by-poll.

Star of Mysore (SOM): How has the campaign been so far and what is the response?

Kalale Keshavamurthy: I have been campaigning since the last 24 days or so and the response is overwhelming. In the rural areas, people are impressed with the programmes implemented by the Congress and men and women have voluntarily participated in Congress rallies.

SOM: The entire Cabinet and other Ministers are campaigning for you.

Kalale Keshavamurthy: The campaign is spearheaded by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah who conducted rallies and road shows on Mar. 31, Apr. 2, 4 and 6. His rallies in villages have received tremendous response. The CM has released more than Rs. 500 crore for the development of Nanjangud since the last six months. Development works and a transparent administration will ensure my victory.

SOM: You have lost the previous elections and this time how sure are you about winning?

Kalale Keshavamurthy: This is my third election. In the last election, Congress, BJP, JD(S) and KJP contested and this led to split in the votes. This time, however, it is a straight fight between Congress and BJP and I will win with a big margin.

SOM: Is money released by the State Government in the last 6 months only factor to ensure your victory?

Kalale Keshavamurthy: As mentioned earlier, this is my third election. Over the years I have developed a close bond with the voters and this also will help me win. I know all the villages and its people personally and this will give me the winning edge. Normally, caste and political parties play a major role in an election. Here in Nanjangud, I have received support from across the sections irrespective of caste and religion.

SOM: JD(S) has not entered this election. Is it to help you or JD(S) could not find a candidate?

Kalale Keshavamurthy: JD(S) has mentored me all these years and I cannot forget that party. Though I am with Congress now, I will win the election with the help of JD(S), my parent party. As JD(S) mentored me, I have been recognised by a national party like Congress.

By staying neutral in the Nanjangud by-election, the JD(S) has indeed helped me. Moreover, as the entire Congress has taken up the responsibility of ensuring my victory, I don't feel like an outsider.

SOM: There are reports that the wife of former Minister M. Mahadev (Benki Mahadev) has extended her support to you.

Kalale Keshavamurthy: Yes. Mahadev's wife Rajamma has assured me of support. Actually, the late leader (Mahadev) wanted to see me as an MLA but fate willed otherwise. Realising this, Rajamma has supported me.

People will vote for development: Geetha Mahadevaprasad

Star of Mysore (SOM): Voting will be held on Sunday and how is the atmosphere?

Geetha Mahadevaprasad: Congress has received tremendous response and we have seen this during our election campaigns. We have covered all the 176 villages, tribal hamlets and colonies and the people volunteered to join our rallies. My husband late H.S. Mahadevaprasad has ensured that the constituency is developed and that is why he was elected five times. His work will ensure my victory and I will get widespread support from women.

SOM: What are the election issues that have enabled you to go before people?

Geetha Mahadevaprasad: My husband has done a lot of development works for the last 24 years and he has changed the face of Gundlupet. Plus the State government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, has showered many goodies on the constituency. People respect my family and they will support me in this hour of grief.

SOM: Why should a voter elect you?

Geetha Mahadevaprasad: For the overall development of Gundlupet and it will be helpful as Congress is the ruling party. I can get more funds and CM Siddharamaiah has himself assured me and the people of more funds. Development is the main issue in this election.

SOM: What will be your priorities if you win?

Geetha Mahadevaprasad: Many villages in Gundlupet do not have permanent drinking water facility. A project has been launched to provide the same. I will speed up the works and drinking water will be my priority. Also, I will take steps to fill water to the dried up lakes in the constituency.

By Siddalingaswamy

Literally ignoring the scorching sun and sweltering heat, both Congress and BJP have taken a challenge to emerge victorious in the Gundlupet by-election that will be held on Apr. 9. Election campaigning that has reached the crescendo will come to an end today evening and both Geetha Mahadevaprasad (Congress) and C.S. Niranjan Kumar (BJP) are indulging in last-minute exercise to win the voters' heart. *Star of Mysore* meets both of them to elicit their views on campaigning and their winning prospects.

Voters this time want a change: C.S. Niranjan Kumar

Star of Mysore (SOM): How is the atmosphere in the constituency and what is the response?

C.S. Niranjan Kumar: BJP has all chances for victory in Gundlupet. Rural belts have given me many hopes this time and the response is tremendous.

People have decided that this time, it will be BJP and I am sure that the Lotus (BJP party symbol) will bloom here.

SOM: What are your election issues?

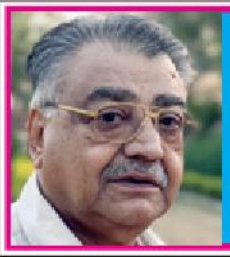
C.S. Niranjan Kumar: I have gone before people highlighting the development works initiated by the BJP when the party was in power. When BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa was the Chief Minister, he had taken the initiative of filling lakes and ponds with water. Plus I have also highlighted the pro-people projects taken up by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

SOM: You have lost the last election. Is this your main canvassing point?

C.S. Niranjan Kumar: My father and I lost the election twice. People know this and their sympathies are with me. They will surely make me victorious. Let there be no doubt about my win.

SOM: What will be your priorities if you win?

C.S. Niranjan Kumar: Drinking water will be my priority as during the campaign rallies I have witnessed people struggling for water. Many voters have told me that half the problems in villages will be eased if the drinking water issue is solved. I will ensure that the lakes and ponds are de-silted and filled with water.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

V.S. Ugrappa, MLC: People's politician of a rare kind !

Siddharamaiah's trouble-shooter

Whenever I go to Bengaluru, which is only when it becomes inevitable and inescapable, I stay in my sister-in-law's place. You have guessed the reason. Really? The reason is my wife loves to stay with her sister.

Last week I was in Bengaluru to fulfil a family duty and stayed in HSR Layout where my sister-in-law Mrs. Rajani Bopaiah, a medical doctor's wife, stays. As is my wont, I set out for my morning walk. It was then Rajani said I could go to a huge 10-acre newly-formed park near V.S. Ugrappa's house. Ugrappa who?, I asked. "A very powerful and influential politician. An MLC and very close to Siddharamaiah."

Being a journalist, my guess was right. After all, I have not heard a name like Ugrappa except that of this politician who speaks like a Solomon. In the Legislative Council he is a trouble-shooter for Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

Since I am not familiar with the surroundings of the HSR Layout, an understanding lady that she is, Rajani charmed her husband Dr. Bopaiah to accompany me for the walk. So it was. "Don't forget to show his house," she bellowed from the gate even as we had traversed a distance.

After a few minutes, we came to a stumbling block of barricade at the 19th Cross Road, III Stage, Ward No. 174 that led to the park and on which is situated the house of V.S. Ugrappa, B.Sc., B.L. **Congress(S)*** MLC. His present occupation: Practising Advocate in the Karnataka High Court; Member of Legislative Council and Chairman, Expert Committee on Sexual Harassment against Women and Children, Government of Karnataka.

Incidentally, this office of the Chairman was earlier gifted by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to his friend M.C. Nanaiah, who was the Law Minister in JD(S) Government when Siddharamaiah was the Deputy Chief Minister. However, following JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda's resentment, M.C. Nanaiah had to decline as otherwise he would be sacked from JD(S). I appreciate M.C. Nanaiah's decision in the face of an opportunity to join Congress led by Siddharamaiah. Who knows, he would have become a Minister.

Now, let us see what H.D. Deve Gowda does with Nanaiah after the next election next year. Will he reward Nanaiah with an MLC post for his loyalty to the party? Age may go against Nanaiah as it happened with L.K. Advani and many others in politics. Let it be.

The barricade with two guards, one I guess was a private one, was to shoo away the tresspassers or the gate-crashers wanting to meet the MLC. This is to check those who zoom through the road and have easy access to Ugrappa's residence. Scrutiny Sir, Security. However, this has become scandalous gossip among the residents in the locality. "Public road and tax-payers are not allowed the use of this road," was the refrain, I am told. I am inclined to agree after seeing the location. Any evil-doer can still easily access the road from the other end. The area is quite porous. And then the question is: Is Ugrappa such an important VVIP with serious threat perception that he needs this kind of security? I do not know.

Soon I was in front of the house of a "famous politician" — the identity was declared with a granite tablet that said *"Swabhimana"* and his name. A double-storied house on a big site, could be 50'x80'.

The name of the house reminded me of the Nanjangud by-election where V. Sreenivasa Prasad, BJP candidate, is fighting the election on the principle of *"Swabhimana"*, self-esteem. With a house bearing such a name, Ugrappa should

MLC V.S. Ugrappa

be supporting the *"Swabhimani"* candidate Sreenivasa Prasad, rather than fighting him!

I was told that the MLA from the HSR Layout, 3rd Stage, is one Satish Reddy of BJP and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) member is one Gurumurthy, also from BJP. However, these three political animals seem to work in tandem, despite political differences, for the good of their constituency.

I was briefly given a pep talk on the birth and growth of Ward No. 174 by a local old man I met in the newly-built 10-acre wide park with a Kalyani and well-paved walkways.

A few years back, it was a huge vacant land, a kind of 'no man's land'. A minority community group tried to take it over making a false claim of ownership. In the meanwhile, a slum appeared there with over 500 people. One old national political party was keeping these slum dwellers as vote bank, paying them periodically some money and during election time, of course, the special payment.

In competition, the other young national political party honchos were trying to encroach or grab this land for developing it as sites after creating fake documents, of course. But the BDA had long acquired it, I was told, but as usual some legal issues were left hanging.

Enters Ugrappa. The land was legally taken possession of by the BBMP or BDA and made into a layout with a park. Ugrappa and a few other politicians too got sites here and under Ugrappa's initiative with support from his friend Siddharamaiah, the Chief Minister, money flowed in and the park was created. My sister-in-law suggested it be named **Ugrappa Park** as a tribute to this man's efforts in saving the land for the people, for making this beautiful huge park and preventing it from going to the vested interests.

It appears after the park was ready, *Suprabatha*, a morning invocation to Hindu God Venkateshwara, is now being played through loudspeaker for about 5-10 minutes daily in the morning. Soon a person living in the vicinity, who had tried to claim the land for his community, complained to Ugrappa that the music disturbed him in the morning, hoping as a Congressman Ugrappa would support him.

But Ugrappa, it seems, told that man about his people playing loud-speaker five times a day in the same area... Amen.

Ugrappa, people told me, is a level-headed politician like Nanaiah. It is possible he was once again nominated (I think) as MLC by Siddharamaiah for his gift of the gab and ability to speak with absolute clarity. Like Nanaiah he can forcefully put forward his argument to defend his master — the Chief Minister. Nanaiah did this very well in the Legislative Council to defend Ramakrishna Hegde and Deve Gowda later. Now Ugrappa is doing a similar job excellently for Siddharamaiah. I am told he is unassuming and sans hubris like his master, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

A very good listener and conversationalist apart from being knowledgeable, says Rajani. Unfortunately he is in the wrong party. He should have been in the old vintage JP's Janata Party or the later day JD(S), but not the present one. Not many choices these days for a follower of Jayparakash Narayan (JP). We can only despair.

Ugrappa belongs to Valmiki community which is a Scheduled Tribe (ST) under the Constitution. He is a native of Tumakuru district. He entered the Legislative Council in 1994 and later elected from the Tumakuru Local Authority Constituency to the Legislative Council in 2004.

One of the rare good, decent politician in this age where there is a critical shortage of value-based politicians.

My only regret is that I could not meet him in Bengaluru as he was at the election campaign for the by-poll at Gundlupet and Nanjangud. After all, there is always a tomorrow.

Tailpiece: *The readers may be wondering why I wrote* ***Congress(S)**** *in the column earlier. Certainly, it is not a mystery wrapped in riddles inside an enigma. It is like* ***Congress(I)*** *meaning Congress Party of Indira Gandhi; we have now seen JD(S), though 'S' means secular, it is the party of H.D. Deve Gowda.* ***Likewise, I call the present Congress Party in Karnataka as Congress(S), meaning Congress Party of Siddharamaiah!***

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It's a fight between *Swabhimana* and *Durahankara*: Prasad

(Continued from page 1)

"CM Siddharamaiah is arrogant and full of ego. People of Nanjangud and Gundlupet will teach him a lesson," Sreenivasa Prasad said and added that it was the CM's way of treating his Ministers that forced the election, not because of him (Prasad).

Continuing his tirade at Siddharamaiah, Sreenivasa Prasad said that if the CM wanted to build an effective Cabinet, he could have consulted him (Prasad) instead of unceremoniously dropping him. "Even if the CM had spoken to me for 5 minutes, I would have given up my Ministry," he said and questioned if Congress leader Mallikarjuna Kharge's son Priyank Kharge was more effective than him (Prasad)

Claiming that he had initiated several developmental works as a Revenue Minister, Sreenivasa Prasad said, "The CM, who wears a diamond watch worth Rs. 80 lakh, must introspect and realise that mine was the most efficient and effective Ministry in his Cabinet. CM's ego will be destroyed after the results come," he said.

Former Minister and BJP candidate for Nanjangud by-election V. Sreenivasa Prasad is seen addressing a press conference in city this morning as former Deputy CM R. Ashok and other BJP leaders look on.

On KPCC President and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, Prasad said that he was a rich Dalit, owning a couple of educational institutions including engineering and medical colleges. "Parameshwara has no ethics to speak against me or the oppressed class. He paid money to Congress high command to ensure party ticket in the last elections," Prasad alleged.

Former Deputy Chief Minister R. Ashok, who was also present at the press conference, said that the government that was fast asleep since the last 4 years has woken up to the by-elections. "The State Police are confused as to who holds the Home portfolio, whether it is Siddharamaiah, Parameshwara or former IPS officer Kempaiah," he ridiculed.

Former MUDA chairmen C. Basavegowda and K.R. Mohan Kumar, BJP leader Yashaswini Somashekar and Karnataka State Hotel Owners' Association President M. Rajendra and others were present.

One electrocuted in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Apr. 7(RS&VNS) - Jagadish (42), a resident of Mandya, died after coming in contact with a live electric wire yesterday night while walking towards the *dasoha bhavan* near Srikanteshwara Temple complex.

He was rushed to a hospital where he died. Jagadish had visited Nanjangud to witness the Jathra Mahotsava along with his wife and two kids. Town Police have registered a case.

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Akhanda Bharath Seva Sena accuses Congress Govt. of appeasing minorities

Mysuru, Apr. 7- City-based Akhanda Bharath Seva Sena (ABSS) has accused Chief Minister Siddharamaiah of appeasing minorities.

Addressing the press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, ABSS founder President Chetan Manjunath, who is also a Convenor of 'Jago Mysuru Vedike', alleged that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah frequently took anti-Hindu stand in order to appease minorities.

Chetan alleged that the CM had ignored poor Hindu families while announcing 'Shaadi Bhagya' for poor minority community girls.

Also, the CM has announced an additional Rs. 25 crore for Haj Pilgrims, while there was no financial assistance to poor Ayyappa Swamy devotees who visit the Ayyappa Temple in Kerala in lakhs every year.

Asking the Congress Government to stop minority appeasement and to announce schemes, plans and initiatives that are fair to every community, Chetan Manjunath said the electorate will teach a fitting lesson to the Congress Party in the next general election in 2018.

Later, the ABSS members registered their protest by tearing down a poster of CM Siddharmaiah outside Pathrakarthara Bhavan premises.

Mara Nayaka Yuva Brigade calls for casting 'NOTA' option in by-polls

Mysuru, Apr.7(SP&DM)- Alleging that successive Governments in the State had failed to fulfil the demands of the Nayaka community, the Palegar Mara Nayaka Yuva Brigade, Karnataka, has appealed to the Nayaka community members to only use 'NOTA' option (none of the above) while exercising their franchise in the forthcoming Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-polls.

Addressing the press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, the Brigade President Devatta said they have been pressing to include Nayaka sub-castes such as Parivara, Raja Parivara, Besta, Bestar, Beda etc., in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list and to hike reservation for ST communities to 12.5 percent in accordance with the population. But governments have ignored these demands and hence the Brigade has asked all Nayaka community members to use NOTA option and teach a lesson to the candidates.

Brigade office-bearers R. Narayan, Mahesh, Ranjukumar, G.S. Nayak were present.

Rs. 20 lakh seized from official's car

Gundlupet, Apr.7- Even as the public campaigning for Apr. 9 Nanjangud and Gundlupet by- polls comes to an end at 5 pm today, the Police have seized Rs. 20 lakh cash from the official car of an NWKRTC (North-West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation) official at Gundlupet town this morning.

Some BJP activists who noticed the car parked in front of a hotel at Gundlupet town, suspected it to be carrying cash meant to be distributed among the voters ahead of Gundlupet bypoll, alerted the Gundlupet Town Police, according to reports.

The Police who rushed to the spot checked the car and seized 10 bundles of Rs. 2,000 denomination, totalling Rs. 20 lakh, it is learnt.

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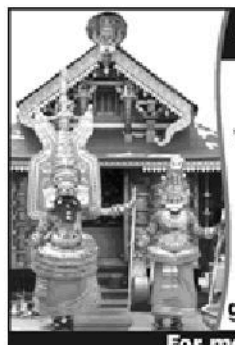
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Odissi Dance Extravaganza to mark Utkal Divas at Kalamandira in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.7-Orissa Association Mysore (OAM) will be celebrating *Utkal Divas* or Odisha Day at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city on Apr. 8 by holding an Odissi Dance repertoire from 6.30 pm to 9 pm.

Internationally-acclaimed artistes from Gunjan Dance Academy, Cuttack, Odisha, will present Odissi dances on the occasion.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. M.S. Krishnamurthy, former Chairman, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore, will be the chief guests.

Guru Meera Das

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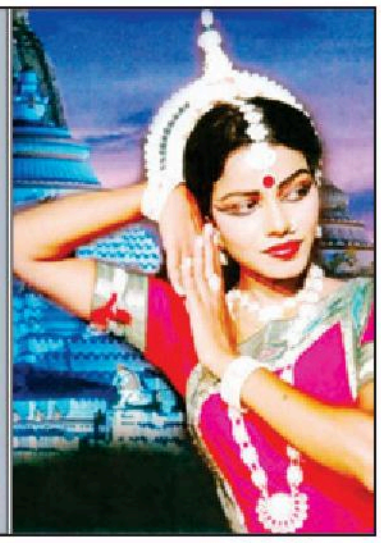

Malabika

About Gunjan Dance Academy, Odisha

Established in the year 1995, **Gunjan Dance Academy** is committed to the classical and traditional art heritage of Odisha under the able tutelage of **Guru Meera Das,** a disciple of legendary Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and Guru Gangadhar Pradhan. She is a dancer of international repute and choreographer of impeccable perfection. Artistes from Gunjan have been performing around the globe and thus it has become an organisation of excellence.

Odissi is an ancient and breathtakingly beautiful form of sacred dance, which was originally developed in the temple of Lord Jagannath in Orissa as a form of worship and meditation. This supremely elegant style of dance is a visual delight. The rhythm, the *bhangis* (dance postures) and the *mudras* (hand formations) used in Odissi have a distinctive quality of their own.

The essence of Odissi lies in its statuette quality; most of its beautiful poses bear close resemblance with the sculptures of the famous temples in Odisha. The two main postures in Odissi are *Tribhangi* and *Chauka*. The journey starts with basic exercises and steps in *Tribhangi* and *Chauka*. These steps form the basis of all choreography in Odissi. It demands tremendous physical fitness and regular practice with emphasis on sensitive facial expression in *abhinaya*.

Themes of Odissi are almost exclusively religious in nature. It is largely based on the timeless Sanskrit epic, *Geeta Govinda* written by the famous Odia poet Jayadev and deals with love themes of Radha-Krishna and the philosophy of its most popular deity Lord Jagannath.

About the Dancers

Lopamudra Jena is now one of the leading Odissi dancers under the tutelage of Guru Meera Das. She has enthralled the audience by her elegant and graceful presentations at several international and national festivals. She is a recipient of the *Ekalavya Samman* in the year 2016.

Malabika Jena, a performing artiste of Gunjan Dance Academy, is practicing Odissi since 1988. She started learning dance at the tender age of 6 from the famous Kalavikas Kendra, Cuttack, before joining Gunjan. Malabika has performed Odissi in many cities across India and abroad.

M.D. Preethi, the premier student of Odissi Dance Academy, Mysore, who is presently managing the school, has prepared four of her students to perform during the festival.

Utkal Divas dance items

1. Mangalacharana is the first step in Odissi classical dance where the dancers pay their salutations to the Almighty Lord Jagannath, who protects us from all vices. Rhythm by Guru Sachidananda Das. *Raga – Megh, Tala – Ektali.*

2. Desh Pallavi is the lyrical elaboration based on a particular *raga* and *tala* to create a graceful communication of beautiful exposition. The dancers perform with intricate hand, body and leg gestures to lyrical tunes and rhythms. Rhythm by Guru Sachidananda Das. *Raga – Desh, Tala – Rupak.*

3. Namami: Through this dance and accompanying music, the dancers offer salutation to Vighnaraja Ganesha, who resides where the Kalpavriksha, the boon giving tree exists. Dance by students of Odissi Dance Academy Mysore. Choreography by Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra. Music by Pandit Bhubaneswar Mishra. *Raga – Baradi, Tala- Eltali.*

4. Jaya Sankha Gadadhara is a beautiful disposition of surrender to Lord Vishnu in which the dancers depict the various wonders of Sri Krishna – be it *kaliya dalana* or the divine of Meera – the lotus-eyed Lord spreads His charm and we humans bow down to His glory. Music by Pandit Maheswar Rao. *Raga – Jog, Tala – Ektali.*

5. Bande Mataram, as the song suggests, is the praise of our motherland, our mother earth who has bestowed us with flora and fauna, the fresh waters and pure air – it is a salutation to *Maa* for all the divine love and blessings she has showered on us. Music by Lt. Sumanta Kumar Mohanty. *Tala – Ektali.*

6. Birachita Chatu Vachana is one of the *astapadis* from Jayadeva's *Geeta Govinda,* which very intricately depicts the loving way of a *sakhi* to convince Radha for a dalliance with Lord Krishna. Music by Dr. Subash Pani. *Raga – Bihag, Tala – Ektali.*

7. Santimantra (Mokhya) is the concluding part of the Odissi Dance repertoire, which is the divine surrender to the Lord to attain salvation.

All dance-lovers may attend the programme in large numbers. Admission is free and no passes are required, according to a press release from Dilip K. Misra, President of OAM. For details contact Misra on Mob: 9448354400.

Spectra: Kautilya FGC bags overall championship

Mysuru, Apr.7 -The students of Kautilya First Grade College (FGC) in Vijayanagar run by Sapient Education Trust, have won the overall championship in *Spectra-2017,* Management Fest conducted by Hindusthan First Grade College here recently.

The winners of the event are as follows: **Business quiz:** P. Nipun and Sourabh Jain - winners; Pragna D. Balaraju and S. Smriti -runners-up.

Treasure Hunt: P. Nipun and Shamanth Nanda -winners.

Marketing: S.S. Sumanth and Ayush Mundra -runners-up.

Mad ads: Pramodana, Mangala Ganga, Rishab D. Jain, P. Mokshi and Ayush Mundra-runners-up.

Sampoorna Ramayana staged

Mysuru, Apr.7 - As part of Ramanavami festival, Sri Rama Krupa Poshitha Nataka Mandali staged a mythological drama *Sampoorna Ramayana* at Town Hall in city recently.

The drama was directed by veteran harmonium and casio player Nagendra Prasad.

The following were the artistes: Sri Rama (V. Venkatesh), Seethadevi (N. Leelavathi), Lakshmana (B. Shivakumar), Dasharatha Maharaj (Dr. N. N. Prahallada), Kaikadevi (Nirmala), Ravana (H. L. Shivabasappa), Bharatha (B. Nagendra) and Anjaneya (Janesha Guddappanavar).

Music was scored by H. P. Nagendra Prasad, Tabla by Shiva Kumar, Casio by Shanmuga, Clarinet - Suresh, Talavadya - Manikanta. Drama stage was designed by Umesh Drama Troupe, Mandya.

Will the Lions roar at Knight Riders ?

Rajkot, Apr. 7 - Gujarat Lions, table toppers in the last season, will want to finish this season with some riches. The franchise has retained a bulk of the team members who performed for Lions last season and have signed on some exciting home-bred talent to further boost their squad; Basil Thampy, who impressed with his pace in domestic cricket earlier this season, is among the GL players to keep an eye on. The Gujarat Lions will have to make do without the services of two important players. Dwayne Bravo, the highest wicket-taker in the T20 format, is yet to recover from an hamstring injury, while Ravindra Jadeja too will miss his team's season opener due to a finger injury.

KKR will be keen to add to their two IPL titles, the last of which they won in 2014. Last season, they made it to the playoffs before being eliminated by eventual champions Sunrisers Hyderabad. The Gautam Gambhir-led side will miss the highly-impactful Andre Russell this season, but have been reinforced with the signing of Kiwi all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme. KKR have stuck to the tried and tested batting line-up, and have made exciting additions to their bowling line-up; the English all-rounder Chris Woakes and Trent Boult were the noteworthy purchases at the IPL Player Auction.

GL have an explosive batting line-up; in Brendon McCullum, Aaron Finch, Suresh Raina and Dwayne Smith, GL has batsmen capable of demolishing opposition single-handedly.

KKR have historically relied on their openers to get them off to a sound start so the middle order can build on that platform. The franchise have used one opening pair, Gautam Gambhir and Robin Uthappa, across the last two seasons, and it is expected they will begin with the same pair this season too.

Davis Cup 2017

Leander Paes dropped from Indian squad

New Delhi, Apr.7- India's most successful doubles player Leander Paes has been dropped from the Davis Cup team that will square off against Uzbekistan in the second round of Asia/Oceania Zone Group 1 tie, to be held in Bengaluru from Apr 7-9.

Paes, who made his Davis Cup debut against Japan in 1990 at Jaipur, has been dropped from the Davis Cup team on form for the first time in 27 years.

Leander's exclusion means India's highest ranked doubles player Rohan Bopanna will partner Sriram Balaji in the clash against Farrukh Dustov and Sanjar Fayziev in Bengaluru.

Ramkumar Ramanathan will face Temur Ismailov in the first singles rubber while injured Yuki Bhambhri's replacement Prajnesh Gunneswaran will take on Fayziev in the second singles match.

In the reverse singles on Sunday, Ramanathan will face Fayziev and Gunneswaran will play the final rubber against Ismail. The 18-time grand slam champion recently won his first title of the season by winning the Leon Challenger Tour tennis tournament's men's doubles trophy.

In the current season, Paes has a 5-7 win-loss record on the ATP tour so far while compatriot Bopanna holds a 9-6 win-loss record.

Mysuru City Inter-collegiate Football Tournament

Hat-trick by Dawood

Mysuru, Apr.7 - Centre-forward Dawood's hat-trick (23,26,29) helped SJCE, Mysore to register a facile 3-0 win over MICA and enter the quarter-finals in the Mysore City Inter-collegiate Football Tournament for the AFC Cup organised by Athletes Football Club at the University grounds here yesterday.

In the other matches, JSS law College beat Amritha FGC 4-0, while NIE, Mysuru blanked MCM Mysuru 4-0. MRIT beat MIT 3-0 via tie-breaker after being logged goalless at full-time. JSS (Medical) College beat NIE FGC 4-3 via tie-breaker after being logged goalless at full time.

RESULTS

SJCE, Mysore 3 (Dawood 23, 26, 29) bt MICA 0; JSS Law College 4 (Cheops 16, Mboka 19, George 23, Lusu 38) bt Amritha FGC 0; NIE, Mysuru 4 (Nirikshith 7, Isman Syed 12, Rameez 37, H.R. Chinmay 39) bt MCM, Mysuru 0; MRIT 3 (Sharath, Wali, Shubham) bt MIT 0 (Full time 0-0, by tie-breaker), JSSMC 4 (Renzin, Afsal, Pranav, Subhankar) bt NIE FGC 3 (Nitin, Md. Adnan, Mir Aarijmd) (Full time 0-0, by tie-breaker).

Wins gold in Arm Wrestling Championship

City's arm wrestler Shireen Reginald seen receiving the gold medal and a certificate at the 5th State-level Arm Wrestling Championship held on Apr. 1 and Apr. 2 at Harihara in Davanagere.

Softball players meeting

Mysuru, Apr.7- Softball players/coaches and enthusiasts of Mysore District are requested to attend a meeting to be held at University of Mysore Sports Pavilion on Apr.10 at 6 pm. The meeting has been called to discuss on the proposed formation of Mysuru District Softball Association to promote the game in Mysuru District. For further details, contact L. Raghunath on Mob: 85531 15395, according to a press release.

IPL Season-10

Today's Match

Gujarat Lions

Vs

Kolkata Knight Riders

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Tomorrow's Matches

Kings XI Punjab

Vs

Rising Pune Supergiants

Holkar Cricket Stadium, Indore, 4 pm

Royal Challengers Bangalore

Vs

Delhi Daredevils

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, 8 pm.

Yesterday's Result

Mumbai Indians 184 for 8 in 20 overs
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Rising Pune Supergaint 187 for 3 in 19.5 overs

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Cyber Crime Police Station in all district headquarters: Minister

Mysuru, Apr. 7 (MTY&DM)- Stating that tackling cyber crimes has become a challenge for Police across the globe, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara said that exclusive Cyber Crime Police Stations will be setup in all district headquarters of the State shortly.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel here this morning, he said he had recently visited UK along with six top Police officers of the State to learn about using the latest technology to deal with increasing crimes.

Explaining his UK visit, Dr. Parameshwara said he and his Police officers visited many seminars, workshops and other programmes to study the method adopted by the London Police on maintaining security and safety of people, prevention of cyber crimes such as hacking etc.

Pointing out that the technology in Police Department will be upgraded in three phases at a cost of about Rs. 50 crore, the Home Minister said the upgradition will commence from Bengaluru next month.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara addressing a press meet today.

Pointing out that Mysuru city got 23 new Police vehicles recently, Dr. Parameshwara said each vehicle is fitted with control room linked tablet, which will facilitate the Police to reach the spot of crime within minutes.

On bypolls: Referring to Gundlupet and Nanjangud by-polls, Dr. Parameshwara said the mood of the electorate in both the Assembly segments was to elect the ruling party candidate.

On HV's remark: Referring to senior Congress leader H. Vishwanath's criticism of the entire State Cabinet campaigning for the by-polls, Dr. Parameshwara defended deployment of some Ministers, saying that Ministers too are party workers and hence have been assigned specific tasks to ensure the victory of Congress candidates in the by-polls.

He further said that senior Ministers like T.B. Jayachandra and Kagodu Thimmappa were stationed at Bengaluru to oversee the functioning of the administrative machinery.

On cash for vote: Referring to a question on KPCC Women's Wing President Lakshmi Hebbalkar caught on camera distributing money to the voters, Dr. Parameshwara said the BJP can complain to the Election Commission if Lakshmi had indeed distributed money.

NANJANGUD & GUNDLUPET BY-POLLS

Tight security ahead of polling on Apr. 9

Mysuru/Chamarajanagar, Apr. 7 - The District Administrations of both Mysuru and Chamarajanagar have been gearing up for the all important by-polls scheduled on Apr.9. The SPs of respective districts have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure smooth polling on coming Sunday.

In Nanjangud, the Mysuru District Police have made tight security arrangements by deploying around 2,000 Police personnel at all 236 polling booths.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* SP Ravi D. Channannavar said that one Additional SP, 4 DySPs, 14 Circle Police Inspectors, 60 Sub Inspectors, 150 ASIs, 100 Police Constables, 10 KSRP Platoons and 19 DAR Platoons (with 25 personnel in each platoon), 6 CRPF platoons and 210 home guards will be posted at a total of 236 polling booths which is also been provided with web-casting facilities.

The District Police have deployed 50 cameramen to record the polling process. This part, two Rapid Intervention Vehicles will also be deployed to act immediately in case of law and order issue. All 236 polling booths will be guarded by CRPF personnel.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has also banned holding of fairs and jathras in the wake of by-poll on Apr. 9.

Meanwhile, the Chamarajanagar District Administration has deployed more than 1,000 Police personnel at 250 polling booths. A total of 55 ASIs, 128 Head Constables, 250 Police Constables, 194 Home Guards and 365 CRPF personnel will be deployed to ensure fair and free election.

This apart, the Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) personnel from Kerala and Maharashtra have been deployed in both Nanjangud and Gundlupet constituencies.

As per Election Commission's directions, leaders of political parties except for party candidates and agents have been instructed to leave the constituencies.

The mustering process will be held on Apr. 8 and KSRTC buses have been arranged to transport the election officials to their respective polling stations. For officials from Mysuru, H.D. Kote and T. Narasipur taluk appointed for the polling duty, the District Administration has arranged for KSRTC buses to ply the officials to various polling stations in Nanjangud.

The buses will leave at 6.45 am from People's Park in city, Taluk Offices at T. Narasipur and H.D. Kote respectively.

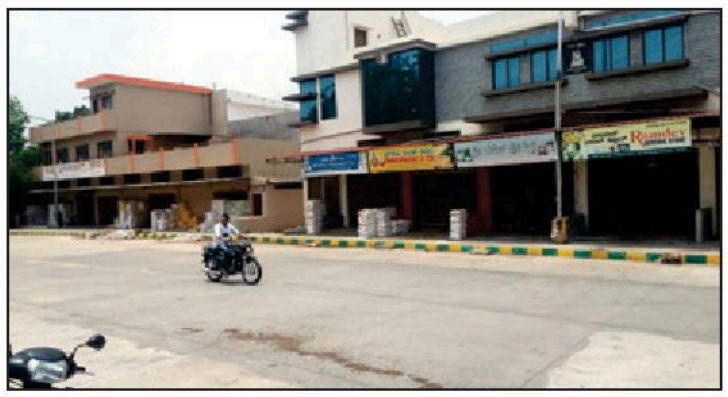
Liquor Ban

The District Administrations of both Mysuru and Chamarajanagar have banned the sale of liquor from Apr.6 to Apr. 9. While the sale of liquor has been banned from Apr. 6 midnight in entire Chamarajanagar, the liquor shops, bars and restaurants and other liquor outlets will be closed from 5 pm on Apr. 7 in entire Mysuru. The ban orders will remain till the midnight of Apr. 9 (Sunday). Similarly, the sale of liquor will be banned from Apr. 12 midnight till Apr. 13 midnight on the counting day only in Nanjangud and Gundlupet taluks.

The polling will be held on Apr. 9 between 7 am and 5 pm.

Lorry stir enters Day-8

Traders in Bandipalya, Old Santhepet extend support by downing shutters



Mysuru/Bengaluru, Apr. 7 (RK&KS)- The stir by lorry owners and drivers, who are protesting from the midnight of Mar. 30, entered Day-8 today.

Today, traders of about 1200 shops in Bandipalya APMC yard and of nearly 300 shops in Old Santhepet in Mysuru, downed the shutters in support of the stir.

The truckers are staging the stir following a call given by the South India Motor Transport Association (SIMTA) to press for their various demands including the rollback of the increased premium for third party insurance, hike in penalty and toll fee among other demands.

As it is more than a week since the truckers commenced the stir, the traders have exhausted their stocks of essential commodities, which may result in panic buying in the near future. It is learnt that the truckers in Mysuru will take out a protest rally from Nanjangud Ring Road near Truck Terminal this afternoon.

Meanwhile, the striking goods transporters in Bengaluru said that they would decide on intensifying the protest after the delegation meets Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in Delhi today.

Federation of Karnataka Lorry Owners' and Agents' Associations President G. R. Shanmugappa, on the sidelines of a protest in Freedom Park in Bengaluru yesterday said "Our message to the government and IRDAI officials is clear: roll back the hike if you want to end the strike. If they fail to address our demand, we will intensify the protests." Shanmugappa warned that failure of talks with Union government would lead to complete shutdown of goods transport from tomorrow (Apr. 8).

Gandhian Dr. H. Srinivasaiah no more

Bengaluru, Apr.7 - Freedom fighter and Gandhian Dr. H. Srinivasaiah (93) passed away at Jayadeva Hospital here yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife and a large number of his followers. He was the President of Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi. Srinivasaiah's body was kept at Gandhi Bhavan in Kumara Park here for public viewing for sometime. His body was donated to M.S. Ramaiah Hospital as per his wish.

Influenced by Mahatma Gandhi during his student days, Srinivasaiah, who was an Engineering Graduate, joined Bharath Electronics.

He later underwent training in Rail coach manufacture in Germany. Srinivasaiah, a native of Choudhary Koppalu in Nagamangala taluk of Mandya district has about 80 works to his credit with one of them being *'Naa Kanda Germany'.*

Srinivasaiah who served as Gandhi Suraksha Nidhi President for many years, was also known as 'Karnataka Gandhi'. He had also filed a petition in the Supreme Court over the Cauvery issue, seeking protection of interests of Karnataka.

Mysore Varsity to get new VC by month end

Mysuru, Apr.7 (PM&VNS) -The appointment process of new Vice-Chancellor to University of Mysore would be completed by the end of this month, said Higher Education Minister Basavaraja Rayareddy here yesterday.

Basavaraja Rayareddy

Addressing the presspersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, he said a committee had been formed for selecting the Vice-Chancellor for the University and the recommendations of the committee will directly reach the Governor, who is the final authority for appointing the Vice-Chancellors.

Later, speaking about the ensuing by-polls in Nanjangud and Gundlupet, Rayareddy expressed confidence of Congress candidates emerging victorious.

Taking a dig at BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, he said that when Yeddyurappa was the Chief Minister, he blamed the UPA government for not waiving the farmers loan and with NDA government in the Centre, he is blaming the Congress government in the State.

Rayareddy said CM Siddharamaiah had clearly said that if the Central Government waived-off 50 percent of farmers' loan even the State Government was ready to waive 50 percent of the loans.

Lakhs witness N'gud Rathotsava

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Tight Police security

The District Police had provided tight security around the temple premises, banks of River Kapila, parking lots and other important places. They Muzrai Department had also installed CCTV cameras at important locations to keep a watch on the anti-social elements. Superintendent of Police Ravi D. Channannavar, Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohammed Sujitha and Additional SP Kala Krishnaswamy supervised the security arrangements.

With just two days to go for the Nanjangud by-poll, leaders of both BJP and Congress parties visited the temple premises to witness the Jathra Mahotsava. BJP MP Shobha Karandlaje, Corporator Nandeesh Preetham and local BJP leaders were seen witnessing Jathra standing on top of a building opposite the temple. Congress candidate Kalale Keshavamurthy also visited the temple along with his supporters.

KSRTC had introduced special buses from Mysuru and nearby towns.

Minor glitch

Just as the officials and devotees thought that Jathra Mahotsava would end without any glitches, the left front wheel of the main Srikanteshwara Chariot sank by the side of the road at around 7.20 am on the Chinivarakatte Street as the soil was soggy owing to heavy rainfall last night. The chariot also touched an electric pole on the left side. Fortunately, there was no damage to the chariot as the electricity supply had been cut-off as a precautionary measure.

Later, the officials summoned two JCBs to pull the wheel out and it took around an hour for the wheel to be extracted and the chariot moved further at 8.30 am. Finally, the officials and the devotees heaved a sigh of relief as the chariot arrived at the designated place after going around the main streets.

A JCB machine is seen making efforts to remove the wheel of the chariot which was stuck as the soil was soggy due to heavy rains last night.

Rashtriya Lok Adalat tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 7- As per the direction from National Law Services Authority and Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) will hold a Rashtriya Lok Adalat at all Taluk Courts across the district tomorrow (Apr.8).

Civil, criminal cases which can be compromised, motor vehicle accident claims etc., can be settled in this Adalat, according to a release.

For more details, call Mysuru District Legal Services Authority located in the new Courts complex on Ph: 0821-2330130.

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Obituary

Cecilia D' Mello

Mysuru, Apr. 7- Cecilia D'Mello, (70), a resident of Ramakrishna Nagar, H-Block, in city passed away this morning following heart attack.

She leaves behind a daughter, two sons, grand children and host of relatives and friends.

Funeral mass will be held at 10 am tomorrow at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura, Mysuru, followed by burial at Mysore South Cemetery.

Annual Day celebrations in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 7- The Annual Day celebrations of Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru, will be held at its Technology Block Quadrangle tomorrow (Apr. 8) at 6.15 pm. NCERT-New Delhi Director Prof. H.K. Senapathy will be the chief guest. RIE Mysuru Principal Dr. D.G. Rao will preside.

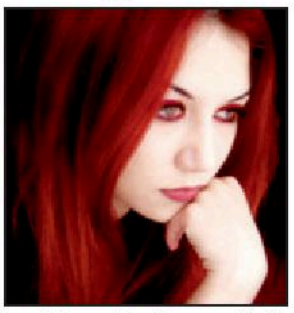
De Paul First Grade College, Alanahalli, has organised its Annual Day celebrations — Sparsh-2017 — at its premises on Apr. 8 at 3 pm. Rev. Fr. Tomichan Mattathiveliyil, Provincial Superior, South Indian Province, Congregation of the Mission, will preside.

Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysore, will be the chief guest.

Dr. S. Srikantaswamy, Director, College Development Council, University of Mysore (UoM), will be the guest of honour. Principal Rev. Dr. Baiju Antony, Chief Co-ordinator Prof. P.J. Joshy and others will be present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cogitation



Meaning: Concerted thought or reflection; meditation; contemplation:
Example: After hours of cogitation he came up with a new proposal.
Origin: The word cogitation is derived from the Middle English word cogitaciun. The suffix -ion denotes action or conditions, as in opinion.

THE ODD WORD

Oppugn

To attack by argument; to oppose; to call in question.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

As thick as thieves

Meaning: Close friends with; sharing confidences.

Origin: We might expect 'as thick as thieves' to be a variant of the other commonly used 'thick' simile 'as thick as two short planks'. The fact that the former expression originated as 'as thick as two thieves' gives more weight to that expectation. As you may have guessed from that lead in, the two phrases are entirely unconnected. The short planks are thick in the 'stupid' sense of the word, whereas thieves aren't especially stupid but are conspiratorial and that's the meaning of ' thick' in 'as thick as thieves'. 'Thick' was first used to mean 'closely allied with' in the 18th century, as in this example from Richard Twining's memoir Selected Papers of the Twining Family, 1781:
"Mr. Pacchicrotti was at Spa. He and I were quite 'thick.' We rode together frequently. He drank tea with me." Like all 'as X as Y' similes, 'as thick as thieves' depends on Y (thieves) being thought of as archetypally X (thick). The thieves had some competition. Earlier versions were 'as thick as'... 'inkle weavers', 'peas in a shell' and 'three in a bed', all of which were examples of things that were especially intimate (inkle-weavers sat at looms that were close together). These variants have now pretty much disappeared, leaving the way clear for 'as thick as thieves'.

QUOTE BOX

When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion.
— Abraham Lincoln

RIDDLE THIS

What did zero say to eight?

Answer: Nice belt.

SUDOKU

	9					8		
	5		4	6	1			
		1						4
					3	2	5	
2				9				3
	1	4	2					
7						1		
			7	1	2		6	
		3					8	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	4	7	9	1	2	5	3
1	2	5	6	8	3	4	9	7
9	7	3	5	4	2	6	8	1
3	5	7	1	2	9	8	6	4
2	1	9	8	6	4	7	3	5
6	4	8	3	5	7	9	1	2
7	8	1	4	3	6	5	2	9
5	3	2	9	7	8	1	4	6
4	9	6	2	1	5	3	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Toward the rear
4 Alphabetical start
8 Middle-East country, capital Baghdad
12 Medium Earth Orbit
13 German industrial area
14 Bill of fare
15 A technique of playing a musical chord - "gore a pig" anagram?
17 Mexican monetary unit
18 Japanese three-line poem of 17 syllables
19 Deal effectively or contend with?
21 Ever, poetically contracted
23 Accounts book
27 The Big Blue
30 ___ tired : absolutely exhausted?
32 Abrupt
33 Tide type
35 Tic ___ toe : children's game?
37 First lady of "Ramayana" the great Epic?
38 Pacific island republic
40 Remuneration received for services rendered
42 ___ Brooks : of "The Silent Movie" fame?
43 Japanese number puzzle
45 Fresh and unfamiliar
47 Puts to paper
49 Formula1driver____Hamilton
53 Siouan Indian
56 Puerile or infantile
58 Take one on doctor's orders?
59 Top-notch (1-3)
60 Bring civil action against
61 Digits of the feet
62 Water hole; lakelet
63 High Power Amplifier

DOWN

1 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
2 Foreign exchange regulation act, acronym?
3 Local headgear?
4 ___ about : had a debate or heated discussion about?
5 Concealed microphone
6 Stylish and smart
7 Water at the mouth, as in anticipation of food
8 Thwarts or restrains
9 Female ruff
10 Answer, abbr.
11 Quid pro ___ : thing given as compensation?
16 ___ out : make last longer?
20 Domesticated animal
22 Decay or decompose
24 Stern, or unsmiling
25 Italian city famous for its ancient Roman ruins
26 Existing in fact
27 Public houses accommodating travellers
28 Boyfriend or admirer
29 Girl's name - "a mud" anagram?
31 Breach or hiatus
34 Drives forward as in ___ a boat?
36 Is able; 39 Small guitar
41 Screamed or shouted
44 Take the top of the bottle
46 Married, tied the knot
48 Say this to make a creature go away
50 Have or express desire for
51 The game __ __ : you are exposed, in a way? (2,2)
52 Butter-like extract from African tree's seeds
53 Choose, select or vote for
54 Pedro's uncle - "ITO" changed
55 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
57 Pub or local

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	L	K	A	■	G	I	B	E	■	S	A	N
R	A	I	D	■	L	I	A	R	■	K	L	M
K	I	E	V	■	A	I	R	S	H	I	P	S
S	C	R	A	P	S	■	B	E	E	N	■	■
■	■	■	N	E	G	U	S	■	I	D	E	S
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F	A	T	■	T	W	I	C	E	■	E	T	A
O	G	E	E	S	■	T	R	I	P	P	E	R
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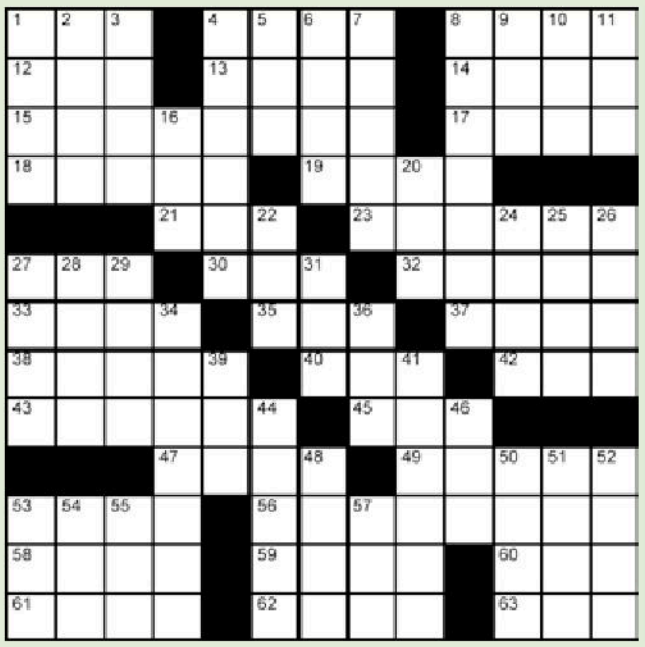

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Q NQW QJ JSD LQJRSNQZDBP RVWEDWJYVW NQXD Q

NVJYVW, UMJ YJ XYDX HVB TQRZ VH Q PDRVWX

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS N.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Eternal nothingness is fine if you happen to be dressed for it - Woody Allen.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Rogue	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Manasu Malligey	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Hebbuli	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chowka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Roopa	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Soundarya Nilaya	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	94489-06100	4 Shows
Nirdoshi	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Laali Ki Shaadi Mein Laaddoo Deewana			
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Cheliyaa	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kaaval	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Kaatru Veliyidai	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Kaatru Veliyidai (Ta)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Bahubali: The Beginning (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm
Naam Shabana (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
	(S-3)	5.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Colossal (E)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
The Boss Baby (3D-E)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 3.25 pm, 8.00 pm
Beauty and the Beast (3D-E)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
1971 Beyond Borders (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Bahubali: The Beginning (H)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 3.35 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-1)	12.10 pm, 5.30 pm, 8.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
The Boss Baby (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 3.20 pm
Kaatru Veliyidai (Ta)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 3.55 pm
	(S-4)	6.45 pm
The Great Father (Ma)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Kavan (Ta)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
1971 Beyond Borders (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Naam Shabana (H)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Guru (Te)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON SATURDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 10.00 Vocal Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.30 Kannada Film Songs, 12.00 noon Hindi Film Songs, 12.30 Makkala Mantapa, 1.00 Devotional Songs, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Film Songs, 3.30 Folk Songs, 5.00 Film Songs, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 7.45 Samachara Darshana, 9.16 Nimma Pathra, 9.30 National Music Programme.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.7)

North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited and Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region: North-East Crafts Bazaar, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival: Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Karunamayi: Karunamayi Sambhrama (2016-17) - Cultural programme, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and Balaji Srinivasan and J.S. Jagadish chief guests, Subbarao Park, Nivedita Nagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**

Department of Studies in Genetics and Genomics, University of Mysore: World Health Day, 10-minute flash mob-cum-street play, BM Habitat Mall premises, **5 pm;** Mall of Mysore premises, **7 pm.**

Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 88th Sri Ramothsava, Bhajans by Sri Harivayu Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal recital by Akshay and troupe, **6.15 pm;** Gamaka 'Ramayanada Adarsha Gunagalu' Vaachana by K. Ramachandra & Vyaakhyaana by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Mandira premises, Kantharaj Urs Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy and Mysore Film Society: Cinema Samaya, screening of documentary film, **5.30 pm** screening of *'Kaattum Mazhayum'* Malayalam movie,directed by Hari Kumar, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

Bhagini Seva Samaja: Bhagini Ramotsava-Sangeetha Habba, Bhajans, **5.30 pm to 6 pm;** Discourse by Vid. Bhadarayanachar on 'Ramayana Sandesha,' **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Musical programme - Vocal recital by **Vid. Ruthvik Raja** accompanied by Vid. M.S. Ananthakrishnan on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Nityotsava Hall near Ballal Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sree Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road: 101st Sri Ramanavami Music Festival, **T.V. Sankaranarayanan** - Vocal; Vid. K.J. Dileep - Violin; Vid. Arjunkumar - Mridanga; Vid. G.S. Ramanuja - Ghata, Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava-2017, Sri Sita Kalyana Mahotsava, Sri Sitarama Temple, Manandavadi Road, Railway Colony, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Poorvaranga Utsava - theatre festival, staging of 'Mricchakatika' written by Shudraka; Directed by S. Malathi Sagara), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Vinoba Road and Department of Kannada and Culture: 127th year Sri Hevilambhi Samvatsara 'Sri Ramothsava,' Classical Music - **Akkarai Sisters (Akkarai Subbalakshmi and Akkarai Sornalatha)** will be accompanied by Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Bhargav Halambi on khanjira, Srimathi Alammanavara Chatra, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrunda Seva Trust: 16th Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Bharathanatyam by Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao's Noopura troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, 11th Main Road, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Mandolin recital by Vid. Dattatreya troupe, Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.8)

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava-2017, Panchamruta Abhisheka Pattabhisheka, **7 am;** Pallaki Rathotsava, Sri Sitarama Temple, Manandavadi Road, Railway Colony, **6 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrunda Seva Trust: 16th Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka programme, **8 am;** Mahamangalarathi and Prasadam, **12 pm;** Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Dance Recital by Vidu. Dr. Jyothi Shankar of J.P. Nagar, Sri Rama Mandira, 11th Main Road, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Udupi Sri Krishna Mandira and Chende Mela Kala Sangha: Free Religious Education Camp for Brahmin students, Mandira premises, N.S. Road, **9 am to 4 pm.**

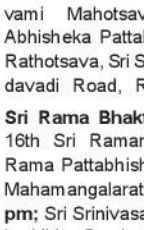
North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited and Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region: North-East Crafts Bazaar, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival: Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

State Bank of Pensioners' Commune: Talk on Mysore Bank by Prof. Nanjaraja Urs, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **10.30 am.**

Bhavan's Priyamvada Birla Institute of Management (BPBIM), Vijayanagar: 3rd Convocation of PGDM programme, JSS Science and Technology University Vice-Chancellor Dr. B.G. Sangameshwara delivers the Convocation address, BPBIM Mysuru Chairman N. Ramanuja presides, BPBIM auditorium, **11 am.**

Mysore Art Gallery: Interaction with Achiever-14 **(Theatrist G. Subbanarasimha),** Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba delivers introductory address, senior theatrist Prof. C.V. Shridaramurthy chief guest, Gallery premises, 12th Cross Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**



Karnataka Rajya Sarvajananga Hitarakshna Vedike, Women Wing, Mysuru: International Women's Day celebrations, Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Vice-Chancellor of Music Varsity, inaugurates, Venugopal, State President of the Vedike, presides, Dr. Padmashekar, Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, main speaker, Mallige Veeresh, Chairperson of Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Mysuru, Tejamani, Convenor of Women Wing of the Vedike, K.C. Divyashree, Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prison, Azizulla, President, Minorities Department, JDS, Mysuru and K. Vajregowda, Hon. President of the Vedike, chief guest, felicitation to Shivakumar, Chief of the Surgery Unit, Apollo Hospital, Nagamangala, Mandya, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **11 am.**

Maharani Arts College for Women: Kavi Smarane (S. Manjunath and Jambanna Amarachinta), poet and Asst. Programme Director - Akashvani chief guest, Principal Prof. B.T. Vijay presides, Kannada Department Head Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar will be present, Jayalakshmammani auditorium, **11 am.**

Sarada Vilas College: Pratibha Puraskar and 'Sharade' release programme, Sarada Vilas College retd. Principal M. Nataraj chief guest, Institution President B.S. Parthasarathi & Hon. Secretary H.K. Srinath and College Principal Dr. K.J. Muralidhar special invitees, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, **11 am.**

De Paul First Grade College, Alanahalli: Annual Day celebrations — Sparsh-2017, Rev. Fr. Tomichan Mattathiveliyil, CM, Provincial Superior, South Indian Province, Congregation of the Mission, presides, Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysore, chief guest, Dr. S. Srikantaswamy, Director, College Development Council, University of Mysore (UoM), guest of honour, College premises, **3 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 88th Sri Ramothsava, Harikathe by Vid. Sitaram Munikote, **5.30 pm to 6 pm;** Hanumanthotsava - Procession, Mandira premises, Kantharaj Urs Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**

Bhagini Seva Samaja: Bhagini Ramotsava-Sangeetha Habba, Bhajans, **5.30 pm to 6 pm;** Discourse by Vid. Bhadarayanachar on 'Ramayana Sandesha,' **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Musical programme - Vocal recital by **Vidu. Aishwarya Vidyaraghunathan** accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on khanjira, Nityotsava Hall near Ballal Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sree Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road: 101st Sri Ramanavami Music Festival, **Vid. Shashank** - Flute; Vid. Nishanth Chandrashekar - Violin; Vid. Parthri Sashikumar - Mridanga; Vid. Giridhara Udupa - Ghata, Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Nityasthanandaji speaks on 'In search of happiness,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

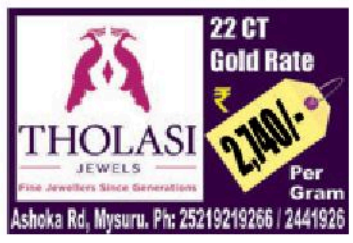
Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru: Annual Day celebrations, NCERT-New Delhi Director Prof. H.K. Senapathy chief guest, RIE Mysuru Principal Dr. D.G. Rao presides, Technology Block Quadrangle, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Vinoba Road and Department of Kannada and Culture: 127th year Sri Hevilambhi Samvatsara 'Sri Ramothsava,' Classical Music - **Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit** accompanied by T.K.V. Ramanujacharyalu on violin and B. Harikumar on mridanga, Srimathi Alammanavara Chatra, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Orissa Association Mysore (OAM): Utkal Divas or Odisha Day, Odissi dances by internationally-acclaimed artistes from Gunjan Dance Academy, Cuttack, Odisha, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. M.S. Krishnamurthy, former Chairman, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore, chief guests, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Bhakti-Bhaava Sangeetha by Shanthala Vattam, Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate, **7 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers (I), Mysore Local Centre: Lecture on 'Exciting field of Oscillations of Mechanical Systems', Bombay IIT Retd. Professor Dr. H.R. Srirangarajan, guest speaker, M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IE(I) premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**



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